Amendment dated December 13, 2004 Reply to Office Action of August 11, 2004 Atty Dkt No. 10011206

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In re Application of:

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Title: METHOD OF IMMOBILIZING BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE MOLECULES FOR

ASSAY PURPOSES IN A MICROFLUIDIC FORMAT

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1636

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated November 15, 2004, and in further response to the Office. Action (Final Rejection) dated August 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the following sections.

In addition, applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time to respond, extending the due date to December 11, 2004. Authorization to debit Deposit Account No. 50-1078 (Agilent Technologies, Inc.) for the required one-month extension fee is hereby granted.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this document.